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Irwindale Small Business Seminar Hosted 120+ Business Owners

Irwindale, CA -- On Monday, March 17, 2014, Board of Equalization Members Jerome E Horton and George Runner hosted a free Small Business Seminar that provided small-to-medium-sized businesses with information about millions of dollars in tax credits, refunds, and business loan assistance. More than 120 attendees learned about traditional and nontraditional capital, minimizing the burden of taxation, and received direct information from representatives of the Internal Revenue Service, the California Franchise Tax Board, the Employment Development Department and a host of other experts.

The seminar was held at the Irwindale Community Center, located at 16102 Arrow Highway, adjacent to the impressive Irwindale Senior Citizens Center, in the heart of the city.

"It is a pleasure to be in the City of Irwindale," said Chairman Horton as he welcomed the participants. "I thank all of you for participating in this informative business seminar and hope that you will leave at the end of the day with new information, new ideas, and new customers and possibly partners that will help your business grow."

The all-day seminar was co-sponsored by the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce, State Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez, Assemblymember Roger Hernández, and the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz).

Marlene Carney, President and CEO of the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the participants and later indicated her appreciation on behalf of her Chamber members for bringing this important seminar to Irwindale.

"I am very pleased that well over 120 Irwindale business owners decided to participate in this important seminar," Carney said. "It has been a pleasure for the Chamber to work with Chairman Horton, the Board of Equalization, and the offices of Senator Ed Hernandez and Assemblymember Roger Hernández, to bring all of the valuable information that will be passed-on today."

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of

Equalization's Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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